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Serial No. 09/558,749

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In re Application of: Rian R. Maloney
Serial No.: 09/558,749
Filing Date: April 20, 2000
Group Art Unit: 2623
Examiner: Anand P. Bhatnagar
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EMULATING
A CHECK SORTER

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments set forth below.

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Applicant transmits herewith an Amendment in the above-identified application. An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

	CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims:	58	-	56	2	x \$ 18 =	\$ 36.00
Independent Claims:	11	-	9	2	x \$ 86 =	\$172.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$208.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$208.00 to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Although no other fees are believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that the attached Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (22 pages), Amendment Transmittal (1 page) in duplicate, this Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail, and a Baker Botts L.L.P. acknowledgment postcard (1 card), are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 29th day of March 2004 and is addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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